1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 GERALD LEE MILLER, Civil No. 12cv1481 BEN (WVG) CDCR # C-92075, 12 Plaintiff, ORDER DISMISSING CIVIL 13 ACTION WITHOUT PREJUDICE FOR FAILING TO PAY 14 FILING FEE REQUIRED VS. BY 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a) AND/OR FAILING TO MOVE TO PROCEED 15 *IN FORMA PAUPERIS* 16 L.S. McEWEN; G.J. JANDA; R. **PURSUANT TO** LIZARRAGA; DR. RICHARD 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a) 17 KORNBLUTH; PARAMO; H. AMEZCUA; S. HARDMAN; ALVAREZ; T. ALVAREZ; B. DOMINGUES; C. VILLALOBOS; 18 A. CASTRO; J. FĹORES; M. VITELÁ; 19 ZAMORA, Defendants. 20 21 22 Plaintiff, an inmate currently incarcerated at Kern Valley State Prison located in Delano, 23 California, and proceeding pro se, has filed this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. 24 I. Failure to Pay Filing Fee or Request IFP Status 25 All parties instituting any civil action, suit or proceeding in any district court of the 26 United States, except an application for writ of habeas corpus, must pay a filing fee of \$350. See 27 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). An action may proceed despite a party's failure to pay this filing fee only 28 if the party is granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis ("IFP") pursuant to 28 U.S.C.

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§ 1915(a). *See Andrews v. Cervantes*, 493 F.3d 1047, 1051 (9th Cir. 2007); *Rodriguez v. Cook*, 169 F.3d 1176, 1177 (9th Cir. 1999).

Because Plaintiff has neither prepaid the \$350 filing fee mandated by 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a) to commence a civil action; nor filed a Motion to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* ("IFP") pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a), this action must be dismissed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). *Id*.

II. Conclusion and Order

For the reasons set forth above, the Court hereby:

- (1) **DISMISSES** this action sua sponte without prejudice for failing to pay the \$350 filing fee or file a Motion to Proceed IFP pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1914(a) and 1915(a); and
- (2) **GRANTS** Plaintiff **forty five (45)** days leave from the date this Order is filed to: (a) prepay the entire \$350 civil filing fee in full; *or* (b) complete and file a Motion to Proceed IFP which includes a certified copy of his trust account statement for the 6-month period preceding the filing of his Complaint. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2); S.D. CAL. CIVLR 3.2(b).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall provide Plaintiff with this Court's approved form "Motion and Declaration in Support of Motion to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*." If Plaintiff fails to either prepay the \$350 civil filing fee or complete and submit the enclosed Motion to Proceed IFP within that time, this action shall remain dismissed without prejudice and without further Order of the Court.

DATED: June 26, 2012

Hon. Roger T. Benitez United States District Judge